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Awareness. Trip

▶ Friends Philip Schleihauf, left, and Benjamin Gunn-Doerge stand in front of Parliament Hill yesterday. More coverage, page 3

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Cycling to fight child soldiering

A group of Ottawa teens will cycle to Newfoundland next month to raise awareness of child soldiering around the world. The group will visit 24 communities in six provinces to collect handprints, which will be sent to international media.

Eco fees may pollute polls

Government to absorb cost of program {page 5}

The beginning of a beautiful trip

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Crime down again in '09: StatsCan

- 10-year crime decline continues, new figures show
- Reported crimes down three per cent from last year — and down 17 per cent from a decade ago

Crime might make for good television, but reality TV it isn't, according to figures released yesterday by Statistics Canada.

The overall numbers, rates and severity of crimes reported to police dropped again last year, continuing a 10-year trend.

So the push by the Conservative government to convince Canadians that crime requires serious legislative attention is a prime-time drama with a script full of holes, say sociologists.

"Perceptions of crime have nothing to do with actual crime," said Ronald Melchers, a criminology professor at the University of Ottawa.

"People don't get their information on whether crime is going up or going down from Statistics Canada, they get it from a whole series of very subjective measures including watching too much TV and listening to too many politicians."

One of the areas that did see an increase last year was firearm offences, an issue the Conservative government has in the sights of its tough-on-crime agenda.

Since 2006, the government has passed a wide variety of crime-related legislation, ranging from cuts to the amount of credit a judge can give an offender for time served to stricter testing for drug-impaired driving.

Overall, Statistics Canada said nearly 2.2 million crimes were reported to police in 2009, about 43,000 fewer than in 2008. Car thefts, break-ins and mischief cases accounted for most of the decline.

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Violent crimes, ranging from harassing phone calls to homicides, accounted for about one in five crimes in 2009.

Youth crime

- Police identified about 165,000 youth aged 12 to 17 accused of a criminal offence in 2009, a slight drop from 2008.
- Both the numbers and the seriousness of youth crimes have generally been declining since 2001.
- Some sociologists say one reason for the overall decrease in crime is that there are fewer people younger than the age of 24 in society.

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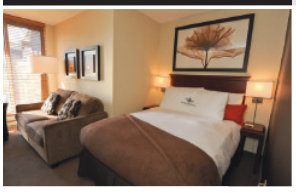

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Theatre. Beauty and the Beasts

▶ Emmanuelle Zeesman, with Kodi Cannon, David daCosta, and Adrian Zeyl, left to right, star in The Andrews Brothers, which opens at the Gladstone Theatre tomorrow.

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The Andrews Brothers discover that the show must go on

Set in the South Pacific during the Second World War, brothers Max, Lawrence and Patrick Andrews have been assigned to help out with a USO show starring pin-up girl Peggy Jones and the much-anticipated Andrews Sisters, who are running a little behind schedule. The boys were recruited by the major in charge to fill in wherever they were needed, so when a radiogram arrives with the news that The Andrews Sisters are stuck in Hawaii, the boys have to find a way to keep the show from being cancelled. The Andrews Brothers runs through Aug. 14 at the Gladstone Theatre.

Teens ride bikes for child soldiers

Cyclists plan visits to 24 communities in Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland ◐ Group to leave Aug. 1 for 1,800-kilometre trip

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A few years ago, Ottawa resident Benjamin Gunn-Doerge travelled overseas to work with the organization Free the Children.

"They said to learn all you can about one issue," said Gunn-Doerge. "When you're educated, you can make the biggest possible change."

Around that time, he heard about child soldiering.

"Being a child myself, I thought it was terrible that children were being deprived of their childhoods," he said.

Now 18, Gunn-Doerge and four friends formed Child Soldier Cycle earlier this year and are planning a bike trip from Ottawa to St. John's, N.L. next month to raise awareness of the issue of child soldiering.

"There are many countries all over the world that have child soldiering," said Gunn-Doerge, who recently graduated from Immaculata High School.

"I found out about child soldiering a few years ago. It surprised me that I never heard of it before and I think there's a really big problem with that. We're trying to raise a bit of awareness for one of those issues that needs more attention."

PHILIP SCHLEIHAUF, UNICYCLIST

"Children are kidnapped from their homes. Girls are taken as sex slaves, while boys are forced to fight. The youngest recorded child soldier is five years old — barely big enough to hold an AK-47."

Child soldiering has been recorded in Sierra Leone, Uganda, Asia and Colombia, he said.

Teammate Philip Schleihauf, 19, will be doing the trip on unicycle. This is Schleihauf's last leg of a cross-Canada journey that when complete, will make him the second person ever to cross Canada by unicycle.

The group also includes Ottawa natives Sandy Macdonald, 15, Jamie Macdonald, 18, and Matthieu Halle, 18.

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Museum honours peacekeeping mission in Cyprus

New Cyprus exhibit is a permanent addition to the Canadian Experience Gallery 4 — A Violent Peace

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▶ Retired Sgt. Michel Plouffe.

29 The number of years that Canada was a major contributor of peacekeepers to the mission in Cyprus. Canadians arrived in 1964 and ended their commitment in 1993.

On July 23, 1974, Canadian Airborne Private Michel Plouffe was driving Capt. Normand Blacquiere and several Turkish soldiers along the Green Line during a United Nations peacekeeping mission in Cyprus when they were attacked by a group of Greek combatants.

Blacquiere took a bullet in the leg. Plouffe pulled him out of the line of fire, but while he was performing first aid, a bullet ricocheted off his helmet into his mouth.

He put the bullet in his pocket and continued with first aid until relief troops arrived.

After that, Plouffe was sent to hospital and eventually back home at the end of his tour, but for saving Blacquiere's life, was awarded the Star of Courage.

Plouffe's story, his helmet, the bullet, and his medals, are all now part of the new permanent exhibit that presents Canada's involvement in the United Nations Force in Cyprus at the Canadian War Museum.

Cyprus was the longest traditional peacekeeping mission to which Canada contributed, said Andrew Burtch, post-1945 historian at the Canadian War Museum.

Dance. Turkey

▶ Dancers Betul Daglar, Feyzal Ince, Elif Asal, Seher Celtikoglu and Kubra Nur Celtikoglu, left to right, perform a Turkish dance at the Ottawa Police Headquarters yesterday.

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Delight in the Turkish Festival

The Canadian Turkish Heritage Foundation and Ottawa police celebrated the start of the Ottawa Turkish Festival with dancing and the unveiling of a Turkish flag yesterday. Held Saturday and Sunday at Confederation Park, the festival features dance and music performances, water marbling and calligraphy demonstrations and traditional food, including donairs, gozleme, borek, baklava and Turkish delight.

Accused

This is the city's seventh homicide of 2010.

- Tamrat Gebere has been ordered by the judge not to have any contact with an 18-month-old child and another person while in custody.
- His next court appearance is by video remand on Monday.

Death by stabbing

An autopsy has revealed that the victim of Saturday's homicide died as a result of injuries caused by multiple stab wounds, police said yesterday.

Police identified the victim as 32-year-old Aster Kassa of Ottawa after completing notification of next of kin. Her body was found in her Riverside Drive apartment on Saturday.

Kassa's husband, Tamrat Gebere, 35, was arrested at the scene. He appeared in court Monday to answer to second-degree murder charges.

Police said the couple was separated at the time of Kassa's death.

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▶ Karl Wolf performs at the official opening ceremony at 8:30 p.m. tonight.

Lebanese Festival starts

Runs through Sunday Park for free at Canada Post and take a complimentary shuttle to festival site

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Singer Karl Wolf, lessons by a dance troupe and of course, the food — authentic Middle-Eastern dishes, including hummus, shawarmas, falafel, kafta and tabouleh — return to the grounds of St. Elias Cathedral as the Ottawa Lebanese Festival kicks off today. Known for its food, entertainment and marketplace, the five-day festival is expected to draw tens of thousands of people to the church, located across the street from Mooney's Bay Beach, through Sunday.

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Years the Ottawa Lebanese Festival has been held in the capital.

Other features on the main stage include Lebanese music and dancers. Those who want to try it themselves can take lessons from the Al Arz Dance Group.

After working up an appetite, dig into traditional Lebanese cuisine and relax in the traditional argily (shisha) tent with live entertainment nightly. The festival also features a marketplace with food and Lebanese crafts and a midway for the kids.

Voters not likely to forget eco fee fiasco

Dropping eco fees may be the best way for the Ontario government to cut its losses on the confusing, unpopular policy, but its effects will be felt for the next three months at least.

Even though stores are no longer charging the fee, Environment Minister John Gerretsen said the government will still pay $5 million to keep the program going.

"For the next 90 days, the government will absorb — through our general taxes — the cost of running the program," he said.

Beyond that, Gerretsen said, "it remains to be seen" how the program will be funded.

Jonathan Malloy, an associate professor of political science at Carleton University, said the effect of the eco fees could linger when voters go to the polls next year. "Any time you bring in an unpopular policy and then you get rid of it you get hit both ways, one for coming up with a bad idea, then you may look weak for backing down," he said.

"If we want to make sure these items remain out of our landfills, remain out of a water stream, there is a cost. But if we don't do anything, the ultimate cost to future generations ... is going to be a lot more."
ONTARIO ENVIRONMENT MINISTER JOHN GERRETSEN

● TIM WIECLAWSKI, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fee story

Consumer confusion and angst from retailers prompted the Liberal government to backtrack on the added fees.

1. Malloy said it was bad politics to dump it on Ontarians at the same time as the HST.
2. It was a very complicated fee that was very hard for retailers or consumers to understand, said Malloy.
3. Beginning July 1, thousands of household goods had eco fees ranging from a couple of cents up to $6 added to their price.
4. Last week, Canadian Tire announced it would stop charging the fee.

Robbery suspect sought

Police are investigating a robbery at a drug store in the 1300 block of Carling Avenue. Early yesterday a suspect entered a store and demanded narcotics. Police are seeking a white male, five-foot-seven with a small build. He was wearing a black baseball cap, grey hoodie, jeans and running shoes. ● TRACEY TONG

Man charged in lewd act

Police have charged an Ottawa man following an indecent act on Flora Street. At 1:30 a.m. Sunday, a woman in her 20s was walking when she observed a naked male masturbating on a private laneway. Anthony Thomas Lackey, 28, appeared in court yesterday.

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Mosaika showtime moves up

The Parliament Hill show, Mosaika: Canada through the eyes of its people, will be presented half an hour earlier until it closes Sept. 12. The free show, which uses lighting, image projections on the Parliament Buildings and music to tell the story of Canada, is offered daily at 9:30 p.m.

● TRACEY TONG

News in brief

Sapper Brian Collier

Another dead Canadian troop

AFGHANISTAN. A young Canadian soldier who had escaped death in an earlier encounter with an improvised explosive device was killed yesterday while on a foot patrol.

Sapper Brian Collier, 24, had dismounted from his vehicle in the village of Nakhonay, 15 kilometres southwest of Kandahar city, when he was killed by an IED blast.

"Today, the entire task force — both military and civilian — is mourning our fallen comrade," said Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance, the commander of Task Force Kandahar. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Black will no-show hearing

CHICAGO. Conrad Black's bail hearing has been scheduled for this morning in Chicago but the former media baron won't be there in person.

Black, 65, remains behind bars in a federal prison in Florida. A U.S. Appeals Court granted Black bail Monday afternoon after a U.S. Supreme Court last month weakened the law that was used to convict him and send him to prison. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tough granny

B.C. RCMP in Vernon, B.C., say a man in his 20s was lucky to escape uninjured after targeting what looked like an easy mark on Saturday.

Police say the thug tried to grab an 81-year-old woman's purse, — but she wielded her walker like a weapon, chasing him away empty-handed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Seeking a truce with the Taliban?

Foreign Affairs minister calls for Afghan electoral reform ◐ Also calls for action on human rights abuses

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Afghan President Hamid Karzai and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton tour a crafts bazaar in Kabul yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon told an international conference in Kabul yesterday that Canada would be willing to support reconciliation with the Taliban to bring peace to Afghanistan but only if a number of criteria are met first.

Cannon, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and other senior foreign officials from nearly 70 countries gathered in Afghanistan's capital for the one-day conference, which was seen as an affirmation of international support for the government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Karzai has been reaching out to the Taliban in hopes of ending the war.

He won endorsement from a national conference over a month ago for his plan to offer incentives to militants to lay down their arms and to seek talks with the Taliban leadership.

The Taliban have publicly shunned the offer, and the United States is skeptical whether peace can succeed until the Taliban are weakened on the battlefield.

Karzai is urging international partners to help his country move toward responsibility for its own security. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

"We encourage a reconciliation process that is inclusive of all Afghans, no matter their ethnicity, tribe or gender. Those who are reconciling must renounce violence, accept the Afghan constitution and cut all ties to terrorist groups such as al-Qaida. ... There are no conflicts in the world that have been able to resolve themselves without any reconciliation."
LAWRENCE CANNON, FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER

U.K. leader pays visit to Washington

- Both sides play down BP issue
- Middle East peace process, economy on table for discussion

British Prime Minister David Cameron sought to diffuse U.S. outrage at British oil giant BP as he met with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House yesterday. But the issue kept coming up.

Cameron's first trip to Washington as prime minister began yesterday and is being overshadowed by anger in the United States over BP's spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and the British oil giant's alleged involvement in the decision to free Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi from jail last year and send him home to Libya.

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Discussion

The U.K., one of the strongest allies of the U.S., is a crucial partner in the war in Afghanistan.

Talks Cameron and Obama discussed a host of pressing issues. Chief among them will be Afghanistan. Britain has been the most crucial U.S. military partner in Afghanistan but is facing inevitable budget cuts and the unpopularity of the war. Cameron has said he wants the country's 10,000 troops out by the time of Britain's next election, which must be held by 2015.

Alberta. Derailed

▶ A CN train engine appeared like it had run aground like a ship on a sandbar on Monday in Sylvan Lake, Alta.

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Freight car derails

RCMP say a front engine of a Canadian National freight car derailed Monday near a Dairy Queen in a residential and commercial neighbourhood of Sylvan Lake. However, there were no reports of injuries.

Authorities seek to delay teen's trip

Child care officials asked a Dutch court yesterday to extend their guardianship over 14-year-old sailor Laura Dekker for another year, a move that would further delay her plan to sail solo around the world.

The application was made at a closed-door hearing in Middelburg. A ruling is scheduled for July 27.

Dekker was made a ward of the state last year after her plan to try to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world raised concerns. Both her parents, who are divorced, back the plan.

"Our focus is not is she able to sail, because she can sail. Our focus is her social and physical development, that is our concern."

RICHARD BAKKER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL FOR CHILD CARE

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Probe over parasailing donkey set

Authorities in Russia are opening an animal cruelty probe into a weekend stunt on a beach in southern Russia in which a donkey parasailed high over the surf.

Amateur video footage showed men attaching parasail harnesses to the trembling mule. The English-language Kremlin news channel Russia Today reported that sunbathers were distressed at the sight of the flying donkey, which brayed in fear as it glided above the bay for half an hour

Russia Today reported that the donkey was shell-shocked but survived.

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Ocean data analyzed as oil keeps seeping

Scientists huddled yesterday to analyze data from the ocean floor as they weigh whether a leaking well cap is a sign BP's broken oil well is buckling.

Oil and gas started seeping into the Gulf of Mexico again Sunday night, but this time more slowly, and scientists aren't sure whether the leaks mean the cap that stopped the flow last week is making things worse.

The government's point man on the disaster, retired coast guard admiral Thad Allen, will decide again later whether to continue the test of the experimental cap.

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Seepage

Seepage probably has nothing to do with well, says official.

Seabed Seepage from the sea floor also was detected over the weekend less than two miles away, but an official said it probably has nothing to do with the well. Oil and gas are known to ooze naturally from fissures in the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico.

News in brief

Office not target: MPP

RAID. Environment Minister John Gerretsen says staff from his ministry were not the target of a police raid on a government office block last week.

Gerretsen is the first Liberal cabinet minister to speak publicly about last Thursday's raid on the Macdonald Block — a Toronto office complex that houses 13 government ministries and agencies.

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G20 accused denied bail

EXPLOSIVES. A man facing explosives and weapons charges as part of a G20 security investigation has been denied bail. Byron Sonne was arrested June 22 and accused of possessing dangerous weapons and explosives for an unlawful purpose, among other charges.

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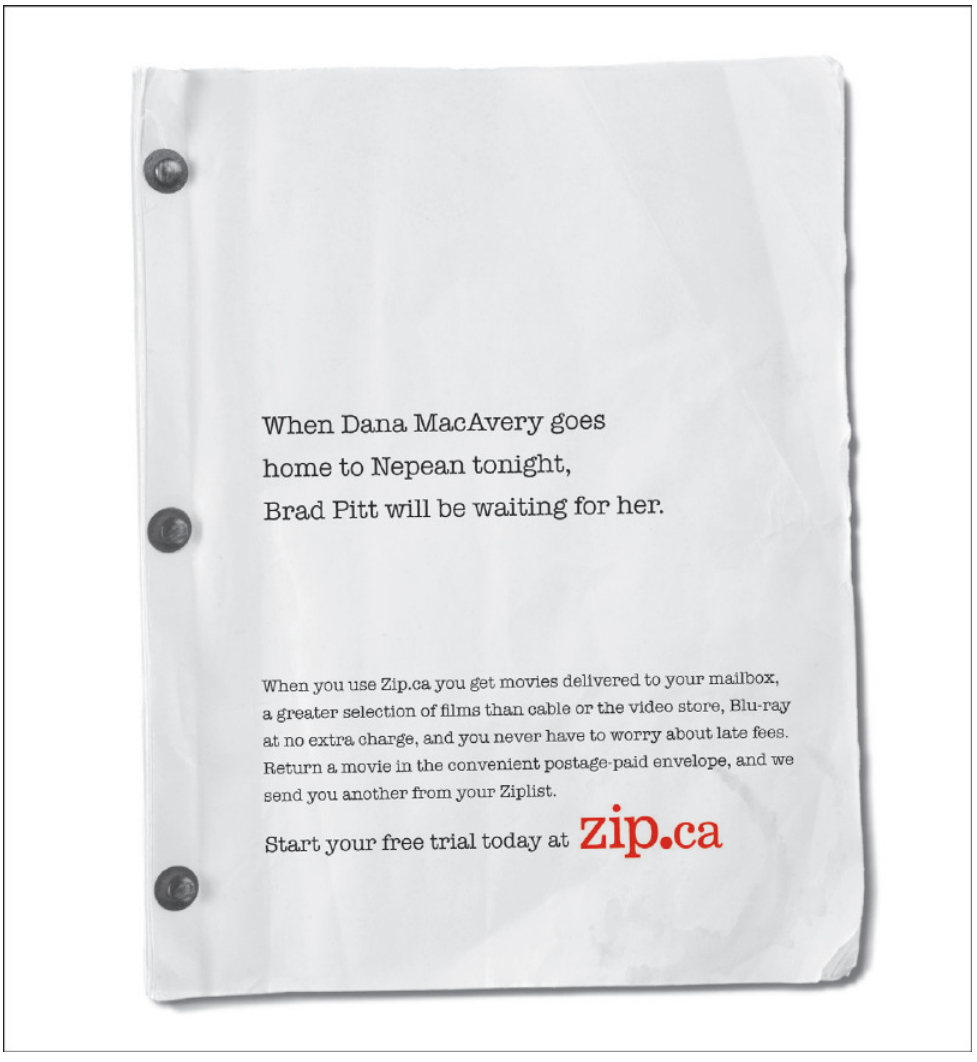

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▶ Two of these vehicles, equipped with laser scanners and cameras that work in concert to detect and avoid obstacles, will travel in tandem from Italy to China.

Back to the future

- Italian engineers launch longest test drive of driverless vehicles
- Technology might one day allow driverless vehicles to transport goods

The rules of the road are unclear — after all, countries don't have legislation on driverless vehicles.

But a team of Italian engineers will test the limits of the future automotive technology in what has been billed as the longest-ever test drive of driverless vehicles: A 13,000-kilometre, three-month road trip from Italy to China.

"What we are trying to do is stress our systems and see if they can work in a real environment, with real weather, real traffic and crazy people who cross the road in front of you and a vehicle that cuts you off," said project leader Alberto Broggi.

The driverless vehicle takes cues from a driven lead van, but will have to respond to any ordinary dangers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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China vows crackdown on reused 'gutter oil'

The Chinese call it "gutter oil" — a foul slop fished up from sewage drains or collected at restaurant back doors — and it's being used in the country's eateries.

Recycled food oil is China's latest food-safety scandal that has worried consumers and brought fresh promises of government action.

China's cabinet, the State Council, issued an order Monday saying the black-market trade posed "serious potential food safety risks." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The dirt on China

Reused oil is the latest dish on China's questionable food standards.

- **Study** A study by a group from Wuhan Polytechnic University earlier this year concluded that recycled oil was being used to prepare 1 in 10 meals in China.
- **Bust** Last November, authorities in Guangdong province busted two large oil resellers.
- **Death** Milk and infant formula laced with the industrial chemical melamine killed six children and sickened 300,000 in 2008.
- **Domestic abuse** China consumes more food oil than it can produce. The rest is imported, so it's unlikely to come overseas.

Don't sweat it: Confession booths are not saunas

Some Catholics may well sweat in the confessional as they admit to things they shouldn't have done.

But Vienna's archdiocese is ruling that the box-like structure where believers confess their sins cannot be turned into a sauna.

Bidding on a confessional described on eBay as ideal for conversion into a one-person sauna, a small bar or a children's playhouse was ended when the archdiocese stepped in.

Archdiocese spokesman Erich Leitenberger tells the daily Salzburger Nachrichten that auctioning "objects that were used for dispensing the sacraments is not acceptable."

Confessionals "should not be converted into saunas or bars," he said in comments published yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boat. Crawl

▶ A spider found on a Guam-bound cargo ship

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Not welcome

A ship carrying housing units and accessories for a work force village in Guam was barred from docking after thousands of spiders were found.

BoC hikes rates despite gloomy predictions

Bank agrees economy is slowing • Europe still a concern • BoC predicts better growth in 2012

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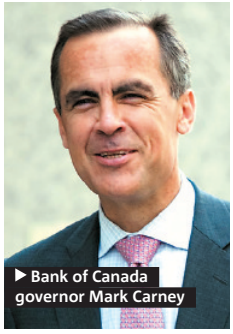

▶ Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney

The Bank of Canada has hiked its trendsetting interest rate one-quarter point to 0.75 per cent, while issuing a more gloomy outlook for the economy and raising questions about where rates are headed next. The second rate increase in as many months had been widely predicted by economists and markets, given Canada's strong first quarter advance and recent job creation record.

The move will likely have an impact on variable mortgages as the big commercial banks usually adjust their prime rates shortly after the Bank of Canada adjusts its key lending rates. The central bank's move will raise some eye-brows among so-called bearish economists who had urged governor Mark Carney to keep interest rates steady if he believed the recovery was slowing.

They argued that raising rates at this time will only weaken growth by discouraging consumer spending and business investment, and adding upward pressure on the loonie to the detriment of manufacturers and exports.

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Market moment

PHOTOS AS OF 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

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+0.90¢ ($77.44 US)	+ 86.41 (11,629.88)

Air Canada adding capacity

Air Canada will grow its system capacity more aggressively this year than expected, primarily because of an increase in international flying, the airline announced yesterday.

It now expects to boost overall fleet capacity by between six per cent and 7.5 per cent this year.

The company also announced it plans to use a $900-million US note offering to repay some of its outstanding debt.

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Lions Gate faces takeover

Activist investor Carl Icahn declared an end to his brief truce with Canadian-American boutique film studio Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. yesterday, renewing his bid to take over the company and replace its board.

Icahn now controls 37.9 per cent of Lions Gate's shares. He said he will launch another tender offer for the stake he doesn't already own.

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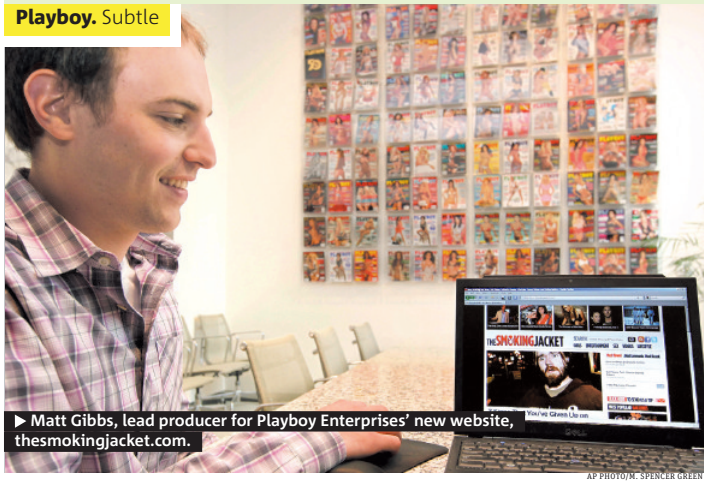
Playboy. Subtle



▶ Matt Gibbs, lead producer for Playboy Enterprises' new website, thesmokingjacket.com.

AP PHOTO/M. SPENCER GREEN

Playboy launches 'work-safe' site

Playboy launched a new website yesterday that it says is safe to look at while at work. The site contains no nudity. Instead it will rely on humour to reach Playboy's target audience, men 25 to 34 years old, when they are most likely to be in front of a computer screen.

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Defendant

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CLERK — July, 15 2010 Signed at Gatineau at

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NEWFOUND FRIENDS IN HIGHER PLACES

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

To some, he's prisoner No. 18330-424.

To others, he's Baron Black of Crossharbour. To most of us, he's just Conrad Black. And he is about to get sprung from a Florida jail.

Once owner of the third largest newspaper chain in the world and a personal fortune of £175 million, Conrad Black has fallen as far as a guy can fall.

On the one hand, he has finally convinced the U.S. Supreme Court that his fraud convictions are based on an overly broad interpretation of the law, and he has been granted bail as he appeals.

On the other, the man who once had everything now has nothing. His London, New York and Palm Beach properties? Gone. His fortune? Gone. And his troubles are hardly over — the U.S. government is suing him for $71 million in back taxes.

"The man who once had everything now has nothing. His London, New York and Palm Beach properties? Gone."

You think you've got problems? Black doesn't even have a place to spend the night. He still owns the heavily-mortgaged family homestead on Toronto's Bridle Path, but will probably have to stay in the U.S. as a condition of bail.

Maybe he can stay at the Super 8 motel near his Florida prison, although he might not be able to afford the $100 per night rack rate after working for 23 cents per hour in jail.

Still, my former boss (he owned the Vancouver Sun; I toiled in his vineyard) is not one to mooch for sympathy. He sees himself as a "freedom fighter" and will continue to plug away at self-vindication. The rest of the world may see him as a defrocked capitalist, but the man who denied his Canadian birthright to sit in the House of Lords is hardly cowed by a mere reversal of fortune.

From his cell, he reminds us why the world is a less colourful place with him on ice. He continues to emit wryly amused, wordy newspaper pieces as blithely as if he were cosseted in his London study, butler at hand.

He has even found God. And not just any God, but the Catholic God, the whole nine yards. I came across a massive piece (aren't they all?) documenting his conversion from "casual Protestantism" to when "I no longer had any confidence in the non-existence of God," to today in jail when he takes the sacraments at least once a week, and goes to confession when he feels sinful. "This," he hastens to add, "is not an overly frequent sensation."

Now that the world has abandoned him, Baron Black has merely ramped it up a notch and has found new friends in higher places. You can't keep a good social climber down.

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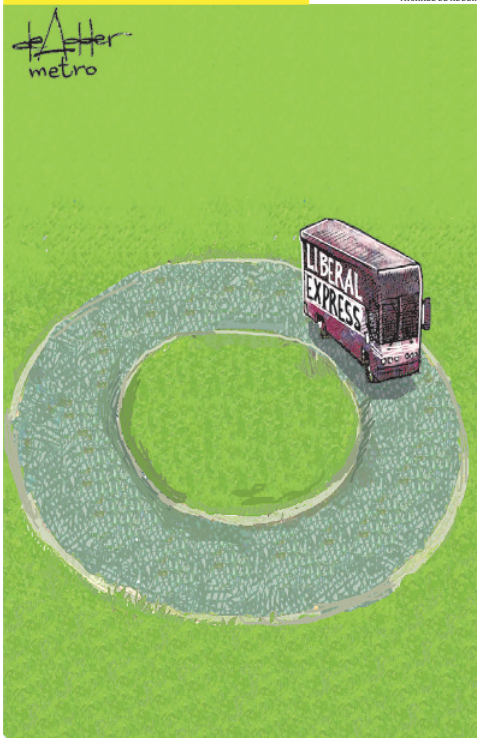
MICHAEL DE ADDER



Teach our children well

Letters & Tweets

We asked: Should schools teach swimming lessons to students?

TORONTO. Yes, schools should teach swimming to all students. Forget sex education — they will not need that information if they don't live long enough to grow up.

How about teaching something that will save lives? I remember when I was in school and thought half the stuff we had to learn was completely useless. I have a feeling that same sentiment is still being felt by today's students.

JAMES BROWN

TORONTO. It is highly regrettable that the federal government is dropping the long form of the census, especially in light of the "criminal conspiracy" that disrupted Toronto during the G20 summit.

From anecdotal testimony, it appears the majority of those involved in vandalism were young whites.

Indeed, the mass of protesters, both peaceful and the miscreant minority, seemed to be "native-born" white Canadians.

A long-form census could hopefully identify those events, gatherings, or social triggers that set these people on a rampage so police may be better prepared to protect the rest of us.

MICHAEL CHARD

In the swim

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Metro Minute at a downtown drive-in

Take your date to the drive-in without leaving the core of the city. The St. Laurent Shopping Centre is hosting date night tonight with a screening of Sleepless In Seattle.

The parking lot will open at 5 p.m. and all cars must be parked by 7 p.m. Tickets are available for $10 per carload at the mall's guest services, with all proceeds going to the Overbrook-Forbes Community Resource Centre. There is no cost for people to attend without cars.

The mall is located off the St. Laurent exit on Highway 417. "Everyone seems to have fond memories of the drive-in experience," said mall marketing director Bernice Rachkowski.

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▶ Take in a drive-in at the St. Laurent Shopping Centre.

- Arrest of Russian spies adds intriguing new layer to Angelina Jolie thriller Salt
- Activity has slowed since the Cold War, but many nations still spy on one another

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▶ Angelina Jolie plays a CIA analyst accused of being a Russian spy in the new movie Salt

The secret world of spy versus spy

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Angelina Jolie's new film Salt — about a CIA analyst accused of being a Russian sleeper agent — might have just seemed like another entertaining summer movie.

But the discovery and arrests last month of 10 Russian agents living under deep cover in the U.S. adds an intriguing new layer to the film. And it also serves as a stern reminder, says former Homeland Security secretary Tom Ridge. "The term 'Cold War' may have been generally removed from our conversations, but the notion that we would spy on one another to secure information about aspirations and capabilities, that still exists," Ridge says.

Metro caught up with Ridge and a panel of intelligence experts at the International Spy Museum just hours after the suspected spies were exchanged in Vienna. Oleg Kalugin, a former major-general for the KGB, was startled by the swiftness of the arrests and exchange — as well as the number of suspected operatives taken into custody. "I watch the 10 guys who were caught as illegals, I thought, 'That's total decadence.' It looked to me a waste of human resources."

"The action scenes are over the top. If I had one day in my career like Salt, I'm not sure I would've had a very long career" MELISSA BOYLE, FORMER CIA INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Kalugin admits that while he was stationed in the U.S., he knew of some "illegals" — or spies living abroad with no official ties to their home government — but there were far fewer. "In my time when I was operational in the United States, we did have a couple of guys, and they had very specific missions," he admits. "One had a very special mission. His job was to act in case the United States and the USSR were close to military conflict. Then this illegal would blow up the power line grids in the Washington area so there would be no power. And second, poison water supplies in the Washington area — not to kill people, just make them sick."

Former CIA intelligence officer Melissa Boyle says some of the scene are over the top. "Espionage is chess, and chess makes boring film." Boyle served as a consultant on the film, helping Jolie. "She just really sucked my brain dry trying to get details to help her put together her character," said Boyle, who is quick to point out one thing: "I am not Salt."

Jolie might beg to differ: "She probably didn't realize I was just studying her," Jolie tells Metro. "As I was asking her questions, really I was watching her mannerisms and her behavior."

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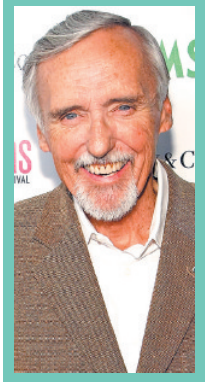
News in brief



Dennis Hopper's sprawling estate in Venice, Calif., is going on sale this Friday for about $6.2 million. The property, where Hopper lived for more than 20 years, is located a few blocks from the Pacific and spans 15,550 square feet over five land parcels.
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Costumed Storm troopers invade Comic-Con

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Celebrity tweets

Sarah Silverman [@SarahKSilverman] There's something about lots of make-up base that screams "I'm no stranger to around-the-mouth zits"

Matthew Perry

[@langford perry] Just to clear something up..I love friends fans. It is just a little trying to hear the movie question 15 times a day for the last 6 years.

Nathan Fillion [@nathanfillion] Early morning, you are like cruel shoes.

Lindsay Lohan [@lindsaylohan] the only "bookings" that i'm familiar with are Disney Films, never thought that i'd be "booking" into Jail... eeeks

METRO WORLD NEWS

Lohan begins her 90-day sentence

Troubled actress is taken to the Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood suburb yesterday.

Whisked away to a women's jail in an unmarked sheriff's car after a brief hearing, Lindsay Lohan reported Tuesday for a 90-day sentence that the troubled actress likely will serve in isolation, and which may be significantly shortened.

Wearing dark denim jeans, a grey top, black corset belt and black jacket, the 24-year-old Lohan showed up at the Beverly Hills courtroom about 10 minutes late. After a short hearing, she rose and was handcuffed behind her back to serve her time for a probation violation.

Lohan was accompanied to court by her mother, Dina, and younger sister Ali, who wiped away tears after her sister was taken into a lockup.

Her estranged father, Michael Lohan, yelled, "We love you Lindsay!" as his daughter was led away. She was then taken across town to the Century Regional Detention Facility in the industrial suburb of Lynwood.

In court, Lohan was represented by her longtime attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, who had resigned earlier.

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▶ Lindsay Lohan's mug shot.

Bullock renews restraining order

Sandra Bullock obtained a temporary restraining order Monday against a 41-year-old man accused of stalking the Oscar-winning actress since 2003.

Bullock's attorney obtained the protective order on her behalf against Thomas James Weldon, who has been the subject of previous court orders to stay away from the 45-year-old actress.

A hearing for a three-year order against Weldon was scheduled for Aug. 6.

Bullock first obtained a restraining order in California against Weldon in 2003, but that order expired in 2009. He voluntarily entered a mental institution in Tennessee, and the actress sued the state in 2006 to require them to notify her of his release.

According to the court filing, Weldon turned up in a Wyoming emergency room last month complaining of anxiety and sleeplessness. He later told hospital staff that he had driven from Tennessee in an attempt to meet Bullock at her home in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

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Past incidents

Sandra Bullock's attorney, Ed McPherson, filed a declaration stating that Weldon has sent the actress numerous emails and faxes in recent years.

Sandra Bullock's previous court filings have accused Thomas James Weldon of repeatedly trying to contact her and travelling around the country in an attempt to meet her. Bullock has never met Weldon, the court filing said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diaz keeps low-profile with A-Rod

Cameron Diaz is keeping her cool while dating Yankees star Alex Rodriguez.

The actress has attempted to keep a low profile and fit in with the other players' wives, according to Page Six, learning from the mistakes of his previous girlfriend.

"Cameron doesn't cling to A-Rod like Kate Hudson, whose front-row antics didn't go down well with the wives," a source says, adding that Diaz's behavior at recent team party was spot-on.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Spears child abuse charges dropped

The investigation into allegations of child abuse by Britney Spears has been dropped, according to Radar Online.

A former bodyguard had claimed that he witnessed Spears beat her two sons, but the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services has dismissed the matter.

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Here's looking at you

Humphrey Bogart made Casablanca the coolest city on the planet Your visit will still be the start of a beautiful friendship...

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Why go now?
The former French protectorate in Morocco has gone from strength to strength quietly establishing itself one of northern Africa's cultural hubs. The Casablancais are cool, cosmopolitan and happily embrace western trends whilst remaining fiercely proud and protective of their Islamic heritage. The city is constantly cooled by the incoming sea breeze, a delightful indication of the sandy beaches nearby.

It's my first time. What should I do there?
Walking around the old medina you'll be tempted to buy everything and anything that sparkles, from the leather soled 'babouche' slippers over to the glittering jewels and kaftans.

Get a sugar rush by eating one of the honey-laden treats at Patisserie Bennis Habous (2 Rue Fkih El Gabbas). Leave the chaotic city centre for the charming seaside Boulevard de la Corniche.

Miami Plage has huge umbrellas to protect you from the blazing sun together with very American-looking basket ball courts.

Clear your pores at Hammam Zaiani (hammamziani.ma). Here, along with the traditional steam room you can soak in a Jacuzzi, ask for a full body scrub or head to the juice bar.

Family run restaurant Taverne du Dauphin (115 Blvd Houphouet Boigny) may not look like much from the outside but the Provencal touch and fabulous fish and seafood is stunningly well-prepared.

Near Central Market, on Blvd Mohammed explore the old day casa, a favorite haunt of writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

I've been before. What should I see this time?
Sadly, Hollywood's epic movie Casablanca was actually filmed in Burbank. But Kathy Kriger has made fiction reality with the opening of Rick's Café (rickscafe.ma) a near perfect replica of Humphrey Bogart's smoky hangout in the original motion picture.

Of all the gin joints in all the world you really should walk into hers!

Start practising your lines now — see our reminders below.

Where's the best place for an afternoon's shopping?
The Central Market place is great to ease your way into the day.

There's little to buy outside of fresh produce, great if you're planning to hit the beach later on and are planning a picnic.

For a more up-market shop, the leafy Boulevard D'Anfa is where you want to be heading.

Locally thought of as being the Beverly Hills of Morocco, you'll find a number of designer boutiques.

Not everyone has the patience or willpower to haggle so for local arts and crafts at fixed prices go to the Exposition Nationale d'Artisanat (3 Avenue Hassan II).

ONMT XAVIER RICHER AND JACQUES BRAVO

▶ Modern Morocco: Today's Casablanca is a long way from Bogey's gin joint

What's the nightlife like?
The beachfront area of Aïn Diab is where it's all "happening." Clustered clubs and cocktail bars ensure you'll be out drinking and dancing till sunrise. Joya (10 Rue de la Mer Jaune) plays a mix of African, techno and pop music.

For more information check out visitmorocco.com

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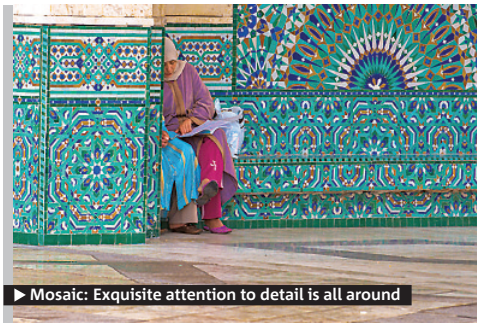

▶ Mosaic: Exquisite attention to detail is all around

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MOSQUE HASSAN II

As one of the biggest mosques in the world, Mosque Hassan II is a striking landmark. Nearly half of the surface area is glass flooring revealing the Atlantic Ocean below following a verse in the Qu'ran stating that the "throne of God was built on water."

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Harry Potter and the killer theme park

The cloak of invisibility has finally been raised on America's new Harry Potter themepark Six years in the making, at a cost of $200m, it comes with the blessing of JK Rowling But is it any good?

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It can probably fairly claim to be the most magical attraction in the world, because this is Wizarding World — America's Harry Potter themepark.

The new Hogwarts styled attraction at Universal's Islands of Adventure complex in Orlando, Florida, was almost six years in the making and cost around $200 million. And it's pretty spellbinding.

Visitors are welcomed through a stone arch into Hogsmeade village by the Hogswarts Express steam train. So far, so authentic.

They walk into scene straight from the movies with Zonko's joke shop selling Sneakoscopes and extendable ears next to Honeydukes sweet emporium for Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans.

Marvellously, there is no Coke or Pepsi — only pumpkin juice and Butterbeer, Cornish Pasties and Scotch eggs.

But the real attraction for us Muggles is the CGI mega-ride Forbidden Journey, hidden in the spires of a very authentic-looking Hogwarts Castle and accessed (of course) via the Room of Requirements.

And it is amazing. A combination of thrilling 3-D imagery and real life props take you on a four minute ride past the Whomping Willow, over the Forbidden Forest, through a game of Quidditch with Harry and Ron, and face-to-face with innumerable demons before returning to the Great Hall.

"It's a ride like no other. It combines amazing new technology with 3D imagery, with lifesize stuff coming out at you."
TOM FELTON, WHO PLAYS DRACO MALFOY

It's not the world's first 3-D ride, but it may well be the world's best.

But one aspect, as unmentionable as Voldemort himself, is the wait time. This can be upwards of two hours — indeed one visitor claimed five hour wait in the Florida heat.

It's good, but it's not that good.

There are just two other main rides in the park — the family friendly Flight of the Hippogriff mini rollercoaster and Dragon Challenge, a high-speed double rollercoaster based on a Triwizard Tournament.

The rest is basically buying stuff. Admittedly, if you are a fan, it's cool stuff.

There are $25 US wands which just like Harry's 'pick their owner,' wizard robes, golden snitches, and you can send postcards home via Owl Post. All in all, no fan will be disappointed. Day tickets to the Islands of Adventures theme park, including the WWHP area, cost $79 US per day for adults, $69 for children.

For more information check out universalorlando.com/harrypotter

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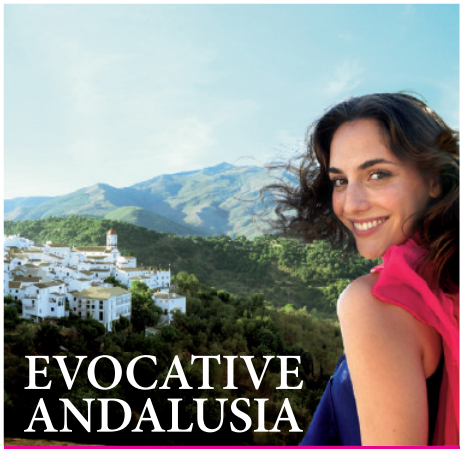

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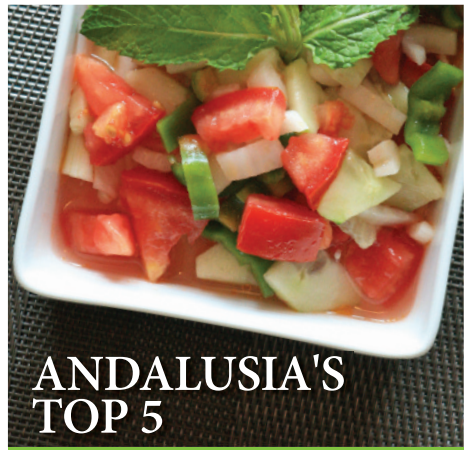
Food, Scuba diving, Golf, Spas and more P/3



ANDALUSIA'S TOP 5

The best beaches, golf courses and tapas P/4

EVOCATIVE ANDALUSIA

In most people's minds, Andalusia evokes dazzling white washed inland villages, meandering cobbled streets beneath wrought-iron balconies, endless golden sun-kissed beaches, stunningly beautiful ancient cities packed with historic monuments, imposing mountain peaks, the unmistakable scent of orange blossom, lush green vineyards, scattered olive groves, and the purest light.

Andalusia (in Spanish Andalucía) is the largest autonomous community in Spain in terms of population, the second largest in terms of land area and certainly the most attractive. It is crossed by the fertile basin of the Guadalquivir River that flows between the foothills of the Sierra Morena mountains to the north and the Sierra Sur in the south, irrigating a rich and fertile valley. The region is made up of eight provinces Huelva, Seville, Cádiz, Cordoba, Malaga, Jaén, Granada and Almeria, all named for its major cities. Its capital and largest city is Seville, also the third largest one in Spain, and one of the most beloved destinations by visitors for its culture, monuments and gastronomy.

Not many regions of the world can match with Andalusia's cultural legacy, historical complexity and richness where east meets west in an exotic melting pot of Jewish, Gypsy, Arab and Christian cultures. Andalusia boasts a magnificent Muslim heritage, including some notable examples of the Moorish architecture like the Mezquita in Córdoba, the Alhambra in Granada or the Reales Alcázares in Seville, to name but a few. The name Andalusia dates back to the Arabic language Al-Andalus, after the Moors invaded Spain in the 8th century and the region was transformed into a centre of unimaginable wealth, sophistication and power in the Muslim-dominated Iberia.

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Andalusia's diverse geographical setting make it a land of great contrasts, blessed with achingly beautiful landscapes such as the valley of the mighty river Guadalquivir, stunning stretches of coastline (853 kilometres of beaches), mountain ranges, colourful villages, towns and cities, more than 300 days of sunshine and Europe's only desert. Each itinerary in Andalusia is absolutely unique and it has drawn and inspired some of Europe's greatest writers, poets, actors and painters. Andalusia produced Pablo Picasso and the 17th century royal painter Velasquez and it also held an enduring fascination for writers Ernest Hemingway and Washington Irving.

To fully appreciate the breathtaking scenery of Andalusia, you need to relax, unwind and enjoy yourself. People in Andalusia are at their most vivacious, fun-loving and family-oriented. They instinctively create an exuberant street life. Andalusia is just about as close to paradise as it's possible to get and, once bitten, you will forever be drawn back to places that will sing in your memory.

Explore cities

Spring and Autumn are the best times of year to visit any of the inland towns and cities in Andalusia. Pack a hat, visor or other sun gear, visit Granada, Seville, Córdoba, Ronda or any of the other numerous historic cities and immerse yourself in their haunting Islamic palaces and monuments on pleasantly warm, clear days. If you hunger for peace and quiet, hide away in one of Andalusia's unspoiled villages.

Golf

If golf is your passion, Andalusia is the best region in Spain to practice this sport. Choose from one of over 100 quality golf courses and luxury resorts. Andalusia is now a world-class destination for golf. Thanks to the excellent climate, you can enjoy playing golf in the sun whatever the season.

Scuba Diving

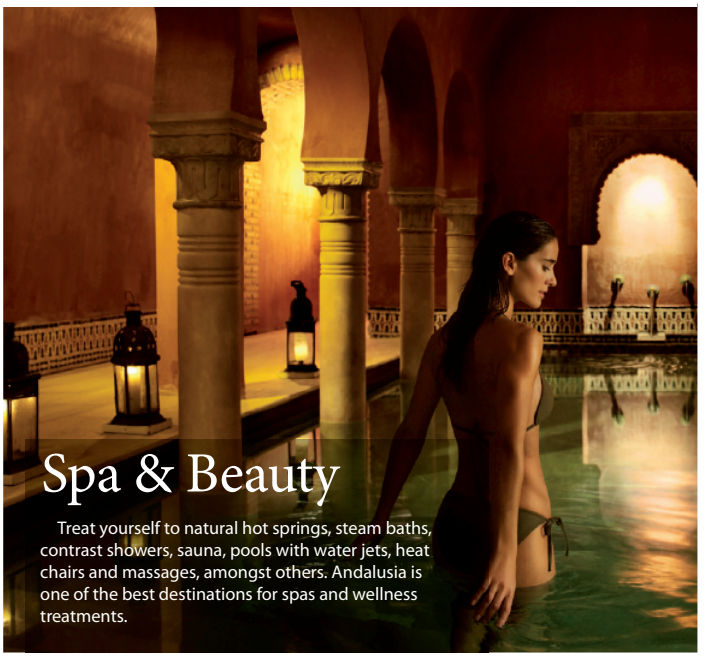
Plunge straight into the sparkling, azure waters of the Mediterranean! Cabo de Gata-Níjar Nature Reserve in Almería is perhaps one of Andalusia's best-kept secrets for snorkeling. The waters are packed with a fantastic variety of fish, a genuine paradise for scuba diving and snorkeling enthusiasts. Expect to see snappers, pollacks, grouper, ocean sunfish, barracudas, eagle rays, brown meagres, moray eels, conger eels, white bream, and many red sea fish. Most of Cabo de Gata's greatest wealth is hidden under the warm, clean and clear sea. For environmental reasons underwater fishing and scuba diving on your own is prohibited in the reserve, but various points along the coast offer guided dives.

Caving

There are a surprising number and variety of natural caves that allow the adventurous to explore and discover a part of Andalusia's natural beauty that few people know exist. Cueva de Gato measures 4.5km in length and crosses the Sierra de Grazalema, following an underground river that can be accessed only with a permit and guide, as the interior can be dangerous in winter. Other caves, which are well known and open to the public, can be found throughout Andalusia and its mountainous areas.

Food & Wine

It's no wonder everyone loves both the delicious eating and the healthy diet of Andalusia. It's nutritionally healthy diet is mainly based on fresh vegetables, ripe fruit, the finest olive oil, quality grains and legumes. Treat your taste buds to local wines to accompany the excellent beef, lamb and pork or the unforgettable Andalusian cured ham 'jamón ibérico', as well as a broad range of fish and seasfood in the coastal areas.



Spa & Beauty

Treat yourself to natural hot springs, steam baths, contrast showers, sauna, pools with water jets, heat chairs and massages, amongst others. Andalusia is one of the best destinations for spas and wellness treatments.

ANDALUSIA'S TOP 5

TOP 5 Tapas

1
ESPETO DE SARDINAS

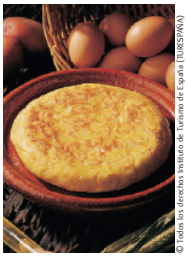
BBQ'd Sardines, a typical seaside "snack"

2
SALMOREJO OR PORRA ANTEQUERANA

A thick gazpacho topped with ham

3
JAMÓN IBERICO

This ham from acorn fed pigs, literally melts in your mouth!



4
TORTILLA DE PATATAS

Typical Spanish dish, egg omelette with fried potatoes

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5
PIPIRRANA

Refreshing salad with peppers, tomato, onions & cucumber.

TOP 5 Golf holidays

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1
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TOP 5 Beaches

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A "must see" beach

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▶ The ByWard Market bustles with activity at night.

To market to ByWard Market

Shopping, eating and drinking fill your days in the downtown area Music and dancing fill your nights

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There's a reason the ByWard Market is the most visited placed in Ottawa — this is where the city was born and it's the heartbeat today.

With nearly 90 restaurants, 25 pubs, club and bars, 57 fashion shops, 39 health and beauty salons, 18 home shops and 19 unique boutiques, the market is a bustling area day and night.

Days in the market are all about shopping, eating and drinking on the patio of a restaurant like the Earl of Sussex Pub.

In the summer, the streets are lined with stalls of vendors selling everything from locally produced strawberries to handmade mittens from Tibet.

While downtown for a sandwich and drink in the sunshine, residents can check out the only North American showing of the Pop Life exhibit on now at the National Gallery of Canada, located at the northwest corner of the market.

Then they can window shop at the upscale boutiques and art galleries along Sussex Street like world-renowned designer Richard Robinson's shop and haute couture school or Julie Thibault's kids fashions.

Night crawl

There's always great shows going on in the ByWard Market, here's just a random sampling.

- **NEeMA**
  Egyptian-born, Lebanese singer NEeMA brings her honest and unique vocal styling to the market.
  July 28 - Zaphod Beeblebrox, 27 York St.
- **Kele**
  Bloc Party, singer and guitarist Kele is touring Canada is support of his new solo album, The Boxer.
  July 30 - Capital City Music Hall, 128 York St.
- **Ska Fest**
  Local Ska/Reggae/Punk band The Toughtones, The Living Sound System, The Dirty 30s and The Paintsplats play an all ages concert.
  Bands take the stage at 4:20 p.m.
  July 31 - Rainbow Club, 76 Murray St.

How things change...

Established in 1826 by Rideau Canal builder Lt-Col. John By, the By-Ward Market is one of Canada's oldest and largest public markets and arguably the nation's oldest continuously operating farmers' market.

Lt-Col. By himself laid out the street plan of the Market, designating George and York Streets to be extra wide to accommodate the horse-drawn carriages carrying daily supplies to vendors.

The market area, know as Lowertown, was home to the uneducated Irish catholic and French Canadian labourers. To the well-bred residents of Uppertown, on the western side of the Rideau Canal, it was considered an ugly and dangerous part of town.

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Years in the making

This summer, get front row seats at the biggest sound and light show in the region.

Years in the making, Mosaika: Canada through the eyes of its people, aims to reveal the spirit of Canada through music, lights, narrative and projections on the Parliament Buildings.

The show, which explores Canada's physical, historical and cultural landscapes, touches on the arts and achievements of Canada's First Nations peoples, Canada s railway hotels, including The Lord Nelson in Halifax; The Algonquin in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea in New Brunswick; The Château Frontenac in Québec City; The Château Laurier, The Royal York in Toronto and Canada's mosaic of natural landscapes, including forests, mountains, tundra, Arctic, prairies, lakes, rivers, oceans and wetlands.

The free, 30-minute show begins at nightly at 9:30 p.m. through Sept. 12.

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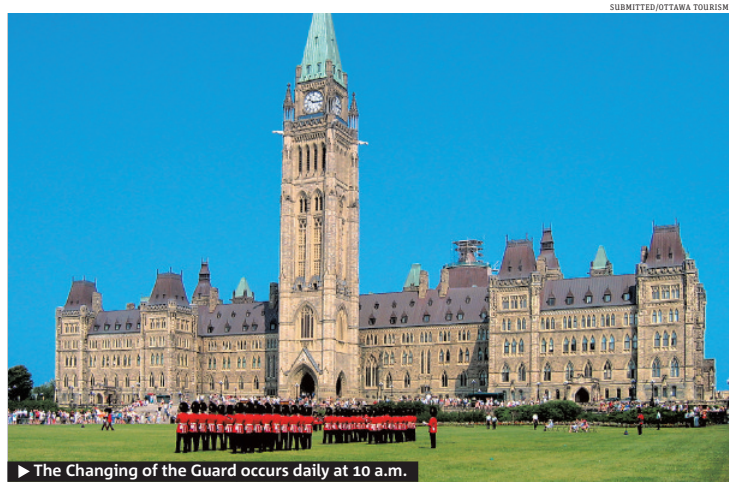

▶ The Changing of the Guard occurs daily at 10 a.m.

Hill top fun

Spend a day exploring Ottawa's biggest attraction

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You walk by it every day on your way to work, but how much do you really know about Parliament Hill?

It may be the place where the country's most important decisions are made, but the Hill is also one of Canada's most toured attractions for locals, students and visitors alike.

Start off your visit at the info tent, located between the Centre and West Blocks to sign up for free tours. You can get same-day tickets for groups of less than 10 people beginning at 9 a.m. daily.

While you're waiting for your tour to begin, stand outside to watch the Changing of the Guard a Canadian tradition that combines military and music at 10 a.m.

Guides offer tours of Centre Block year-round. In the summer, get a tour of the East Block, the nerve centre of Canada's government for the country's first 100 years. Officials restored four rooms to resemble their 1872 form and function.

Head outdoors for the carillon concerts, offered through August at 11 a.m. and at noon the rest of the year. Staring the 53-bell carillon of the Peace Tower, it's been called the great musical experience.

Another tour offered daily through Sept. 6 is In the Footsteps of Great Canadians. Get tickets at the info tent.

Prefer to see it all in your own time? Take the self-guided tour with help from site interpreters.

Fun facts

- The Library of Parliament is the only part of the Centre Block to escape the fire of 1916.
- The cat sanctuary, located behind the Parliament Buildings, is home to dozens of feral cats and is run by volunteers.

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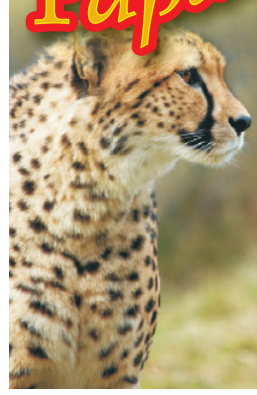
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▶ Toasted Couscous BLT Salad.

Take a taste of Toasted Couscous BLT Salad

An exotic twist to an longtime favourite You can add chicken or turkey for nice light dinner option

Ingredients :
- 170 g (6 oz) bacon, cut crosswise into 5-mm (1/4-inch) strips
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) large pearl couscous
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped iceberg lettuce
- 500 ml (2 cups) diced fresh tomatoes
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

To combat lunch bag boredom, you need to straddle that fine line between exciting and familiar, which is just what this toasted couscous BLT salad does.

Exotic, large pearl couscous gets dressed up with all the ingredients of that perennial favourite — the bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich — and tossed in a lemony dressing to create a packable salad that will appeal to the whole family.

To give even more heft to this lunch, and perhaps turn it into an easy light supper, add thickly sliced or diced smoked turkey or chicken.

Preparation:

1. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, cook bacon, stirring often, until crisp, about 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer bacon to a plate lined with paper towels to drain. Pour off all but 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the bacon fat from the saucepan.
2. Return saucepan to stove over medium-high. Add couscous and toast, stirring often, until lightly browned, 2 to 4 minutes. Spread toasted couscous on a baking sheet to cool for 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, to make dressing, in a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, lemon juice and mustard. While whisking vigorously, drizzle in olive oil. Set aside.
4. In a large bowl, combine lettuce and tomatoes.
5. When couscous has cooled, transfer to bowl with lettuce and tomatoes. Add reserved bacon and dressing, then toss well to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately or store, covered, in the refrigerator for up to 1 day.

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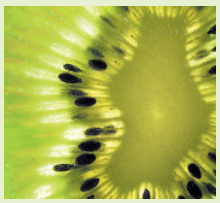
Superfood: Kiwi



"Eat your greens" is a phrase we have all been told at least once in our lives, expect sometimes we just wish we didn't have to.

Bright green and bursting in vitamin C (more so than oranges) and potassium, the Kiwi fruit is a great alternative to soggy spinach. Slice one in half and for breakfast or add to yoghurt or cereal and you will be buzzing with health.

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When it's the last straw

Enduring abuse from an office bully can be physically and emotionally damaging

DREW HINSHAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

What's the worst thing about the office bully?

It's not the devastating putdowns, the passive-aggressive scoffs, or even the exhausting smirk on the know-it-all's face.

For Dr. Gary Namie of the Workplace Bullying Institute, it's that the bully usually wins — in 64 per cent of cases, Namie says, the victim winds up jobless.

"Unfortunately, targets are often the person that gets ostracized, and seen as the problem," agrees NoWorkplaceBullies.com blogger Catherine Mattice. "Like, 'Get over it, we're adults here. What do you mean you're being bullied?'"

But workplace childishness is common, and it's no playground for the victims, many of whom, Namie says, "Suffer anxiety, depression, even PTSD in the most severe cases."

Here are two steps to let your tormentor know you won't take it anymore.

Step one:

"Name it," recommends Namie. "Call it bullying, psychological violence. Stop self-blaming." For the pushovers who bullies often pursue, "that may take weeks, months, even years," Namie admits.

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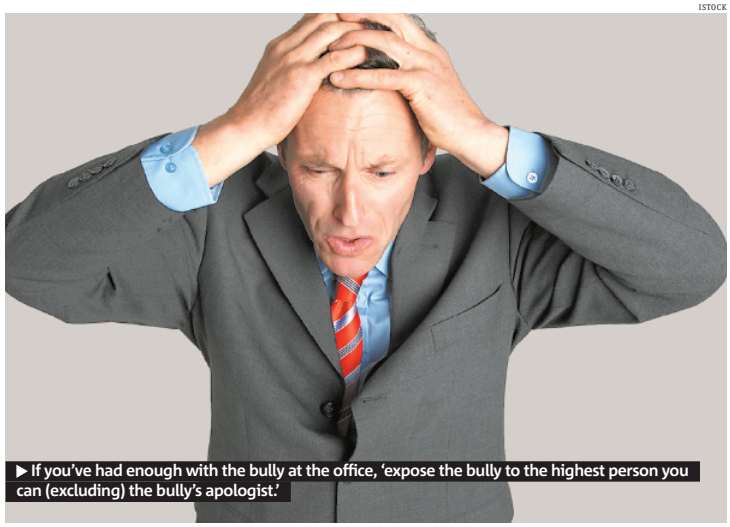

▶ If you've had enough with the bully at the office, 'expose the bully to the highest person you can (excluding) the bully's apologist.'

Step two:

Call in sick — because you are. "Stress related health diseases can kill," Namie notes. Spend your day off building what he calls a "business-based, dollars and cents" case against the bully.

New bill against bullies

If you're being bullied at work, it's time to read up on Bill 168, a new law that was passed in Ontario on June 15 that says violence and harassment at work is a workplace safety hazard.

British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Nova Scotia all have similar laws; Quebec has a variety. BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

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Time for a recess coach?

In a world Facebook, Twitter and where children can spend hours playing video games, kids are losing out in some ways, some experts say

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Children can benefit from a recess coach, proponents say.

For years, recess at Grout Elementary School in Portland, Ore., was fraught with the same sort of playground woes common in many places.

Some kids would play, some wouldn't. Some roughhoused and got into tussles. Resolving those tussles, teachers said, ate into post-recess classroom time.

"Kids are not inherently kind to each other," said principal Susan McElroy.

The pattern was broken about a year ago when McElroy hired a recess coach to help children do what they used to do naturally: Play.

Now, Grout has its own professional coach on school grounds all day who not only organizes and supervises playground games, but also trains kids to be junior coaches, teaches conflict resolution and serves as a mentor, McElroy said.

A growing number of schools nationwide are hiring playtime professionals to help transform recess from a free-for-all into what they hope will be a healthier physical experience. In some cases, that means hiring full-time professionals; in others, it might mean training school staff and parent volunteers.

The idea of putting recess in the hands of professionals, however, has drawn criticism from those who feel that childhood today is in danger of being micromanaged by adults. Learning to play co-operatively is an important step in children's development, and that includes learning how to handle difficult situations, they say.

McElroy, the Grout principal, said the days are gone when kids were adept at finding ways to play creatively on their own. The rise of electronic entertainment and the decline of spontaneous neighbourhood play have left many children ill-equipped to handle unstructured playground time; they don't have the social skills.

"Kids by and large don't know how to do that anymore," McElroy said. "They weren't doing it, anyway."

Alexandra Penn, founder of Champions Against Bullying, a non-profit that offers workshops and other services, agrees. She says more playground supervision is essential, as is specific training in how to manage bullying.

"Kids bully for many reasons and they also bully because they can," Penn said. "Who's stopping them?"

Having recess coaches doesn't mean that schools have lost sight of the benefits of self-motivated play, proponents said. Helping kids get there is part of the plan.

As head of a culturally diverse school, McElroy said, she welcomes all opportunities for co-operative learning. "Anything we can do like this helps build a school community," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Need for recess

Schools should ensure all children — including those prone to being bullied — receive the benefits of recess. "Play stretches a child's imagination and boosts self-esteem," Penn said. "Children become more resilient and developed."

Don't shelter your kids from failure

Lee Igel, a New York University assistant professor who has worked with schools as a sports and organizational psychology expert, said recess coaching is well-intended.

But the problems it is meant to address, he said — stopping bullying, encouraging inclusion, fostering co-operation — are too wide-ranging and have deeper causes.

"We've always had bullies, but it seems to be on the increase," Igel said. He thinks that's the result of changing social values "and how people and community are no longer there." Fixing those problems must be done on a larger scale and start with a discussion of values.

"We've always had bullies, but it seems to be on the increase (because of) how people and community are no longer there." LEE IGEL

In addition, Igel said, some of the hard lessons learned on the playground — being picked last for a team, for instance, or not gelling with other kids — often turn into motivation for success, or at least lend perspective, later in life.

"You don't want to set children up for failure," said Igel, "but you don't want to always prevent it either."

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Then and now

Summer Werchowski is continuing a tradition her own mother started: Taking yearly photos in the morning and in the afternoon on the first day of school.

"I looked all cute in the beginning," she said. By the end of the day, "I just looked like I had been through a war."

She hopes the photos and activities will create lifelong memories for Miles.

"Looking back on my childhood, that's what I remember — all the special traditions we had," said Werchowski.

"That's where my memories lie. I'm hoping it will be the same for him."

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Ideas

Here are more ideas for back-to-school traditions:

- Pack a note with a loving message, joke or drawing in the child's lunch box.
- Make a bracelet or necklace, or braid a pair of shoelaces together that the child can wear on the first day.
- Decorate a backpack with a beaded key chain, homemade pompons or a name tag. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Getting a new backpack every year on the first day of school can be a great way to help kids through the day.

How to make back to school more fun

Rebecca Miller Wilson wants her three children to look forward to the first day of school, so she makes a celebration of it.

She hangs signs outside their rooms, prepares special foods and takes lots of photos. The traditions ease the transition back to school and give the kids a reason to be excited.

"I want to set them up for enjoying school," said Wilson of Phoenix. The first day should "set the tone for how the school year should go."

Back-to-school traditions at home can help children adjust to the changes a new year brings, said Tim Sullivan, founder of School Family Media, which focuses on increasing parental involvement in schools.

"Anything that encourages the thought that school is a special time is a good thing," Sullivan said from his office in Wrentham, Mass.

Parents who make a fuss about the first day back also are sending the important message that "school's a priority in our family," he added.

Keeping the traditions simple makes it easier to do them year after year, said Alanna Stang, executive editor of Martha Stewart Living magazine.

"Simple and thoughtful is always the best," she said. Small gestures "show kids someone is thinking about me."

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NHL rejects Kovalchuk contract

The NHL rejected Ilya Kovalchuk's landmark $102-million US, 17-year contract with the New Jersey Devils last night after it was deemed to circumvent the league's salary cap.

Just one day after Kovalchuk and the Devils came to an agreement on the longest contract in NHL history, the league determined that it was illegal, a person familiar with the issues raised told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the NHL hadn't made a formal announcement.

The contract was rejected because years of low salary at the end of the contract were added for the sole purpose of lowering the cap hit. The person added that no side believes Kovalchuk will play the final years of the deal at those terms. The star forward was slated to earn only $550,000 in each of the last five seasons of the contract that was to run through the 2026-27 season, when Kovalchuk would be 44.

Only hours earlier, Kovalchuk beamed as the Devils held a news conference in their home arena to officially announce that he was coming back to the team after a lengthy free-agent courtship.

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▶ Ilya Kovalchuk poses for a photo yesterday.

A whole new Open for Graham DeLaet

Golfer enters this year's event as promising rookie on PGA circuit

Graham DeLaet still needs the occasional reminder about how far he's come.

Yesterday morning, it came from a group of 20 kids who participated in an hour-long clinic with him on chipping and putting. When they were done getting pointers, many of the kids stuck around to ask the 28-year-old golfer from Weyburn, Sask., for a picture or an autograph.

"It was a rewarding experience for me," said DeLaet. "I would never have thought last year at this time that I'd be a role model for kids."

Times have certainly changed.

Even though DeLaet will be playing in his third RBC Canadian Open this week, his experience at the national championship is bound to be different. He's arrived at St. George's Golf and Country Club in the midst of a promising rookie season on the PGA Tour and finds himself much more in demand than when he was playing on a sponsor's invite.

DeLaet has the highest finish of any Canadian on the PGA Tour this season, having tied for third at the Shell Houston Open in April. A sixth-place finish is the best result achieved by Mike Weir (Bob Hope Classic) and Stephen Ames (Transitions Championship) so far in 2010.

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▶ Graham DeLaet plays in a tournament last year.

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2010 smart fortwo no small wonder

Compact hatchback may look a little lightweight on the outside but once you step in, it's rock solid But be wary of gusting winds

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I've never turned more heads with fewer dollars than while driving the 2010 smart fortwo coupe.

During my recent road test, this tiny two-seater probably received more smiles, nods and double takes than any high-end sports car or convertible I've had the privilege to bring home.

If you want to get noticed, the smart does the trick, and for a relatively low starting price of $14,990.

At this "pure" trim level, you get such features as power windows and locks, multifunction display and AM/FM/CD audio system with auxiliary input, but air conditioning, alloy wheels, Bluetooth and heated seats are extra.

Still, you get a pretty decent list of safety items that include anti-lock brakes with electronic brake force distribution and hydraulic brake assist, electronic stability program and four airbags.

Cruising along one of our superhighways, I was starting to get comfortable at typical highway speeds. Sure, there's a bit of wind and road noise inside the cabin, but I've experienced worse in other subcompacts.

Then I noticed some debris up front, gusting across the highway and — wham — the smart was nearly blown sideways. Good thing I had both hands on the wheel.

Sure, the smart cuts the wind reasonably well from the front, but this tall, narrow box with tiny wheelbase felt vulnerable to crosswinds, and with a curb weight of only 820 kg (about 300 kg less than a Honda Fit I shouldn't have been surprised at the buffeting).

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▶ Ford is offering many accessories for the Fiesta.

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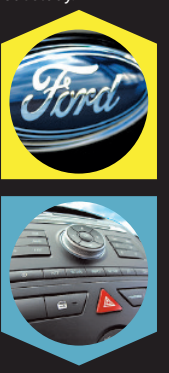

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We now use "sounds expensive" every chance we get.

"I think it's your turn to stack the dishwasher."

"Sounds expensive."

And whenever someone graciously passes you a tissue, or a glass of orange juice, you get to say, "Why didn't you get me a bigger one?"

But my main reason for bringing up this commercial is that it reminds us that rental firms have "bigger cars" and sportier cars, and convertibles, and hybrids, and even Ferraris!

The "regular" rental car is quite famous for underwhelming. When taken on long trips, their drivers have been known to stick plastic cutlery in their forearms, for lack of stimulation.

But for a small premium (about 50 bucks a day) you could get yourself into a convertible. All the main rental firms seem to stock ragtop versions of Ford Mustang, Chrysler Sebring, and Toyota Solara

For something snazzier, you'll need to visit rental firms specializing in sports, luxury and exotic machinery. Every big city has one, or several.

I spoke to Marcello Trubiani of Affinity Luxury Car Rentals. The first thing I asked: "How about a Ferrari?"

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Other exotics in the Affinity stable include BMW M3, Camaro SS, Corvette C6, Dodge Viper, Lamborghini Gallardo, Porsche GT3, etc.

But Trubiani notes that the current hot rides are the more "reasonably priced" convertibles, such as BMW 3 Series and Mini Cooper.

A big part of the store's business is providing high-end rentals for drivers who have their own high-end cars in the body shop.

But many others grab these cars to treat themselves and for special family occasions. Trubiani said one father recently rented the Ferrari to present to his son, as a graduation present.

When he saw that red stallion, I'm pretty sure the young lad did not say to his father, "Why didn't you get me a bigger car?"

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Eric Bana and the Beast

Aussie star reveals his love affair with all things automotive to Metro

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Once Eric Bana laid his eyes on the roadrunning Ford Falcon Coupe driven by Mel Gibson in Mad Max, he was hooked.

The Aussie movie star (Star Trek, The Time Traveler's Wife) — only 15 then — persuaded his dad to buy him a 1974 version of the model.

The ensuing love affair with that car is the subject of the Bana's intensely personal documentary Love The Beast, released on DVD yesterday.

The film chronicles not only Bana's fascination for all things automotive, especially race car driving, but also his 30-year journey with his beloved Beast, which he built up with a little help of his friends only to completely wreck it during the challenging Targa Tasmania rally in 2007. Metro Drive recently chatted with Bana about his life as a dedicated gearhead:

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▶ Eric Bana documents his other life as a race car driver in the film, Love The Beast, out on DVD now.

How's the coupe?

It's being repaired and getting ready to be painted. Then I'll start the very slow process of re-assembling it. It's getting there slowly. I'm hoping to drop it by Christmas time … put it under the tree.

In the documentary, you say that you wished you'd broken a limb instead of wrecking the car …

The body heals a lots quicker, doesn't it? (Laughs) It's weird the relationship you have with a racecar. Part of the shock is that you can't believe that you've just crashed it. You swear to yourself that you'll never damage it, which is a stupid idea because when you go to a race you've got a good chance of doing something to it.

Why do you think people get so attached to their car, which is a piece of metal essentially?

It's the horse of our generation. It's only natural that you get attached to it. I think there's definitely an artistic connection as well which can become expression of ourselves. Also, anything you work on you can become attached to.

Will you ever do a proper car film?

I've had a couple of approaches over the years … The reality is that when you make a film you get to do very little driving. I just spend the whole weekend racing at my favourite race track and I'd much rather do it for real.

Bana's fave car

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Wagon alive in Magnum

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The station wagon had largely gone the way of the Laser Disc before Dodge re-ignited the scene with their new Magnum in 2005. This model effectively put the American station wagon back on the map with great looks, rear-wheel drive and available HEMI V8 power.

With five doors, five seats and adequate room for most families and their gear, the Magnum was available in numerous variants to match virtually any need or budget. All Wheel Drive (AWD) was available, as were two V6 engines and a variety of options, packages and accessories. Look for features like a moonroof, leather seating, navigation, a rear-seat DVD console, automatic climate control and plenty more.

Under the hood was a 2.7 litre V6 with 190 horsepower, as well as a 3.5 liter unit with 250. The 5.7 litre HEMI V8 with cylinder deactivation made a potent 340. All models got automatic transmissions, and AWD was available with either the 3.5 or 5.7 liter powerplants.

Dodge Magnum

- **MODEL YEAR**
  2005-08
- **VEHICLE TYPE:**
  Wagon
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE**
  $8,000-$18,000

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▶ A 2005 Dodge Magnum

What Owners Like

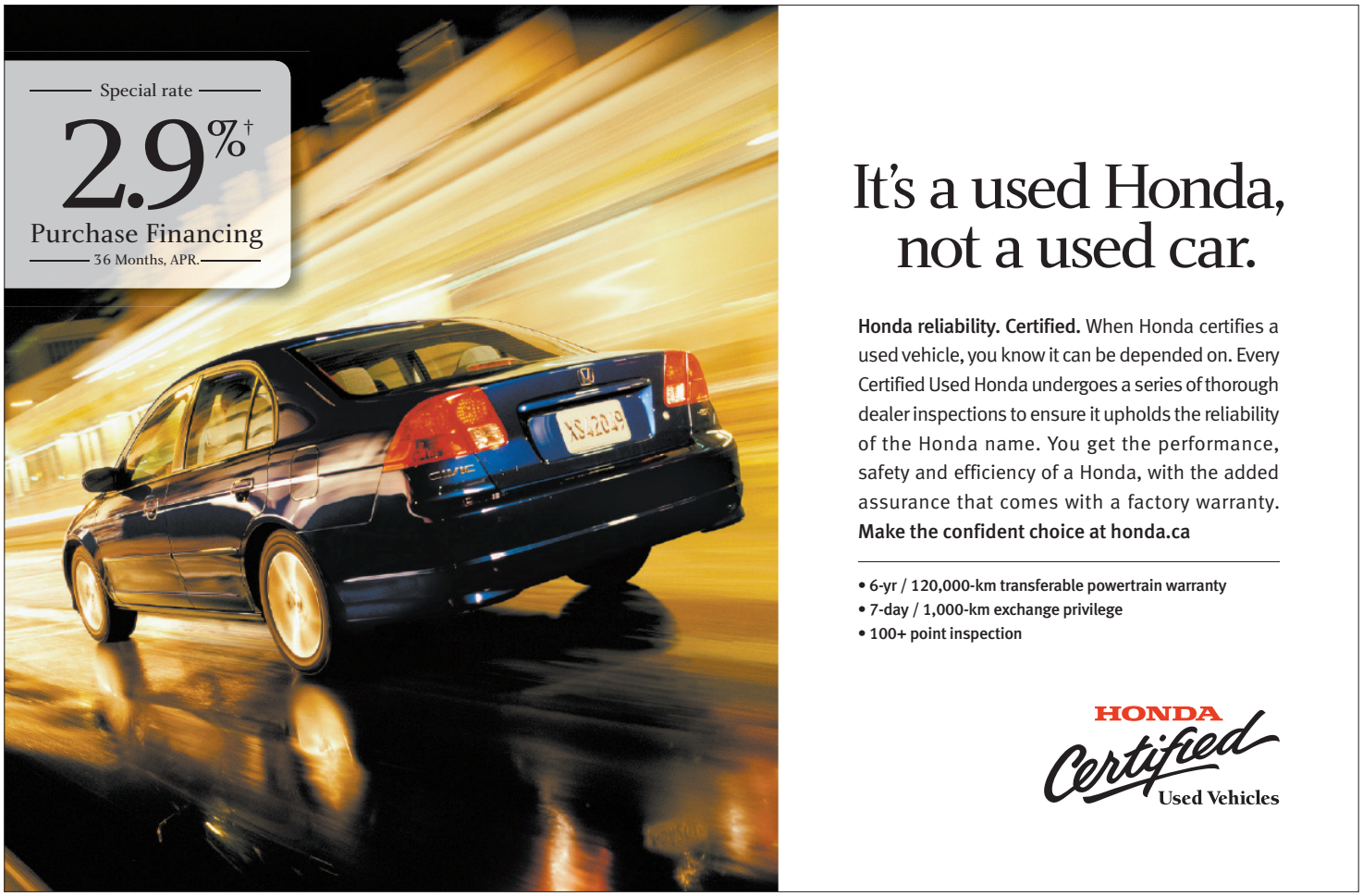
Magnum's styling, performance, value and flexibility were all rated highly by owners, as was its overall comfort and a built-in sense of attitude. Most folks loved the upgraded Boston Acoustics stereo system, too. Owners of HEMI-powered Magnums also love the acceleration.

What Owners Hate

Common owner complaints include a "stiff" ride on some models, as well as limited rearward visibility and a "couped up feeling."

Common issues

Put simply, Magnums powered by the 2.7 litre V6 should be avoided on account of numerous, well-documented complaints regarding engine failure related to an oil-sludge problem. When checking owner forums online, both the 3.5 and 5.7 litre engines appear far more trouble-free.



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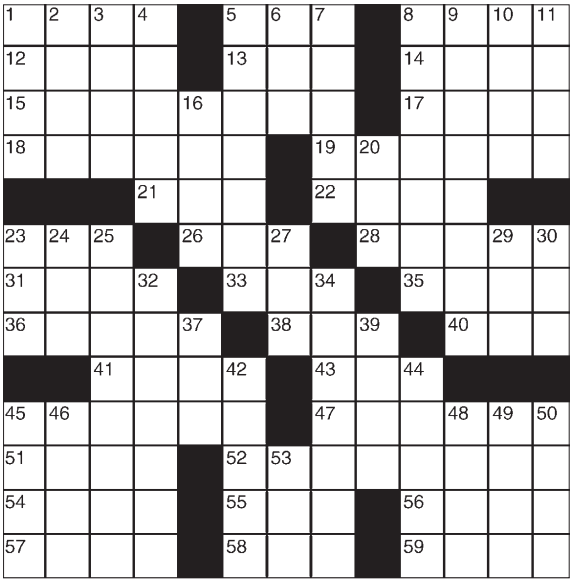

Across

1 Iodine-rich seaweed
5 Apple computer
8 Muscat's land
12 Enrages
13 Blond shade
14 Ill temper
15 Participate in a lake sport
17 — gin fizz
18 Debate topics
19 Cheated at hide-and-seek
21 Conk out
22 Reddish-brown gem
23 List-ending abbr.
26 Gist
28 Palatal pendant
31 So
33 In medias —
35 Tend texts
36 Publicizes broadly
38 Year-end abbr.
40 Witness
41 Smell
43 Knock
45 Permeate (with)
47 Refer (to)
51 Campus mil. grp.
52 Top-40 airings
54 Dandling site
55 Exist
56 Georgia —
57 Global seven
58 "Absolutely"
59 Sandwich treat

Down

1 New Zealander
2 Geological times
3 Reply to "Shall we?"
4 Pretender
5 Rubber?
6 Request
7 TV police oldie
8 Watch
9 Spherical chocolate candies
10 Lotion additive
11 Require
16 Check
20 Water (French)
23 Biblical verb suffix
24 "— Neighbor's Wife"
25 Appealing pastime
27 Foundation
29 Whopper
30 Noshed on
32 Leads astray
34 Siesta shawls
37 "Mayday!"
39 Tranquil
42 Settle a debt
44 Erstwhile planet
45 Annoys
46 Zilch
48 — -friendly
49 Yahtzee quintet
50 Reverberate
53 Raw rock

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

					6	4		8
4	8		1	3				2
	9							
5		4			1	8		
7								1
		3	5			9		6
							7	
1				6	8		3	4
2		6	7					

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	5	8	1	7	2	4	9	6
1	9	7	6	8	4	3	2	5
4	2	6	9	5	3	7	8	1
8	7	2	5	1	9	6	3	4
6	3	4	7	2	8	1	5	9
9	1	5	3	4	6	2	7	8
7	8	1	4	3	5	9	6	2
5	4	9	2	6	7	8	1	3
2	6	3	8	9	1	5	4	7

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I will always love you until my heart stops beating. You complete me! Happy Monthsary baby. **TRICIA**

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Thursday: Showers 40% 26°/19°
Friday: Partly cloudy 28°/21°

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 19 There is no point trying to force others to see things your way because if anything it will make them even more determined to take an opposing view. Why should you want people to agree with you anyway?

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 There's no reason to feel guilty about all the fun you've been having in recent weeks. It may be sad that some of your friends have not been so fortunate but that's life.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Tomorrow you won't lack for confidence. Social occasions and travel plans will go well for you now, so don't sit at home on your own — get out there and wow the world.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will have to deal with someone who sees things from a different perspective today, but that does not mean you cannot get along.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 There is no right way or wrong way to deal with a particular situation, so if you feel like taking a different approach then do so. The important thing is that you explain what you are up to so others won't worry about it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Saturn leaves your birth sign today and no doubt you'll be glad to see the back of it. If you are honest though you will also admit that you've learnt a lot in the past two years — much of it the hard way!

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Something you failed to deal with fully a month or two back will return today and this time you will have to see it through to the end. Leaving tasks unfinished is no longer an option.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Why is your body so restless? Why is your mind jumping all over the place? Whatever the reason you will calm down a bit over the next 24 hours.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Sometimes you have to state the obvious for people, even though they should have seen for themselves what the results of their actions were likely to be. Try not to be judgmental though. No one is perfect, not even you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Deals and negotiations are under excellent cosmic influences. You must not sell yourself short. You're a star, so make sure you are treated and paid like one.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may be justified in hitting back at people who have been speaking about you in less than flattering ways but, really, what is the point? Why not just ignore them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Saturn moves out of the relationship area of your chart today — and boy are you glad to see it go! You've learnt a lot about yourself in recent months, and even more about other people.

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